

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF REVEREND H.H.
LUSK, SR.

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the pastoral accomplishments of the Reverend H.H. Lusk, Sr. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Reverend Lusk has served as a minister and professional community organizer in the City of Seaside, California for over 50 years.

In the 1950s while living in Memphis, Reverend Lusk attended both Henderson Business College and the Right School of Religion. In 1984, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Human Religions and Organization Behavior from the University of San Francisco. Later, he earned a Master of Science degree in Management and School Administration from Pepperdine University.

After arriving in Seaside, California, Rev. Lusk began ministry at Bethel Baptist Church. Over the course of the last fifty years, he has become an important religious and community leader. Reverend Lusk has served in many positions, including Vice Moderator of the St. John District Association, which covers California, Nevada, New Mexico and parts of Africa. In addition he has served as either a leader or member of such community organizations as the Monterey Peninsula Ministerial Alliance, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, the Seaside Club International, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., and the National Alliance for Black Observation Day. He has also been active in community education and economic opportunity.

In December 1992, Reverend Lusk was one of 100 ministers to be selected to be a part of the Cross Cultural Pastors Association for Peace delegation in Seoul, Korea. As a result of this trip, he received a vision for Bethel to organize "Home Cell Bible Study Groups" throughout the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas. In February 1993, Reverend Lusk accepted an invitation from President Nelson Mandela to be a part of the First African National Conference in history to be held on South African soil. Reverend Lusk was also asked to be one of the monitors for the election held in Johannesburg in 1994.

Among the many awards and honors bestowed upon him are the Outstanding Service Award of the Anti-Poverty Council, the NAACP Man of the Year Award, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce Award, the Elvita Lewis Foundation Award, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Award, The California Legislative Resolution Commendation, and a Congressional recognition for Outstanding Contributions to the Community.

Reverend Lusk is married to the former Bettye L. Jones. They have three sons, Herb

Lusk II, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Hendrick H. Lusk and Harold H. Lusk, both of Seaside. Reverend and Sister Lusk, Sr., reside in the city of Seaside, California.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in congratulating Rev. Lusk on his long service in ministry and his many accomplishments.

HONORING U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN
DIANNE JOHNSON

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Navy Captain Dianne Johnson.

For the last 36 years, Captain Johnson has loyally served our great nation.

Her dedication, on both active and reserve duty, is one that sailors and citizens should emulate. I know that her absence will be noticed by all those who served alongside her.

For myself, and all her colleagues at the Navy Operational Support Center in Indianapolis, thank you Captain Johnson; may you have a fulfilling and enjoyable retirement that is richly deserved.

ARMY SPECIALIST MATTHEW
TROY MORRIS POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 298, a bill that would designate the United States Post Office located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building."

Mr. Speaker, I have the high honor of representing the brave men and women at Fort Hood, Texas, the largest military installation in the world. Every day that I have the opportunity to serve in Congress, I do so knowing that my number one responsibility is to give our men and women in uniform the support and resources they need to be successful. Each time I visit Fort Hood, I see America's finest, the soldiers who put it all on the line to allow us to live in the greatest country on Earth. Only three days ago we celebrated Veterans Day, a somber reminder that freedom is not free. And today, here on the House floor, we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, another reminder to us all that freedom is not free.

Representing Fort Hood, Texas also comes with the sober reminder of the sacrifice that our young men and women in the military and their families make to the cause of freedom.

Since September 11, 2001, 384 army soldiers have been killed in action from the 31st district of Texas, the highest number of any congressional district in the country. Central Texans and their families have sacrificed much, and know that freedom is not free.

Today we celebrate the life and remember one of those patriots who served our country and gave his all, Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris. Matthew Morris was born on July 16, 1984, in Fairfax, Virginia. He attended Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, where he earned an ROTC leadership award. He later attended Cedar Park High School in Cedar Park, Texas, and went on to score in the 90th percentile on each section of the General Educational Development Test.

Specialist Morris enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 2005, and attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, followed by Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He graduated from AIT in June 2006 as a Power Generation Equipment Mechanic and was assigned to Howitzer Battery, 2nd Squadron, and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas. Specialist Morris served with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in Balad, Iraq. Despite the dangerous nature of this work, he remained devoted to his mission, and the heroism he demonstrated in Iraq earned him the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Ribbon.

Matthew Troy Morris was killed on April 6th, 2008, when his vehicle encountered a make-shift bomb in Balad, Iraq. Matthew was only 23 years old. He is the oldest of four children, leaving behind Cory, Katie and Sam. Matthew's parents are Lisa and Glenn Morris of Cedar Park, Texas. His father Glenn served our country in the Vietnam War and we thank him for his service. Matthew was engaged to be married to Ms. Julia Richardson. He is survived by his great-grandmother Ruth Staton Jordan, his grandparents Nancy Jackson and Joane Walters, his aunt Diane Afflerbach and uncles, John and Brian Walters. The sacrifice that our military families make often goes unnoticed, and I would like the entire Morris family to know that we will never forget Matthew and the pain that you have endured. Our country, and this House, has not forgotten Matthew and we are proud to celebrate his life on this day.

Matthew Morris exemplified the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed Forces, and although his passing has left a void in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him, they will forever carry memories of this heroic young man close in their hearts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge immediate passage of H.R. 298, and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an American patriot and hero, Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris of Cedar Park, Texas.

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